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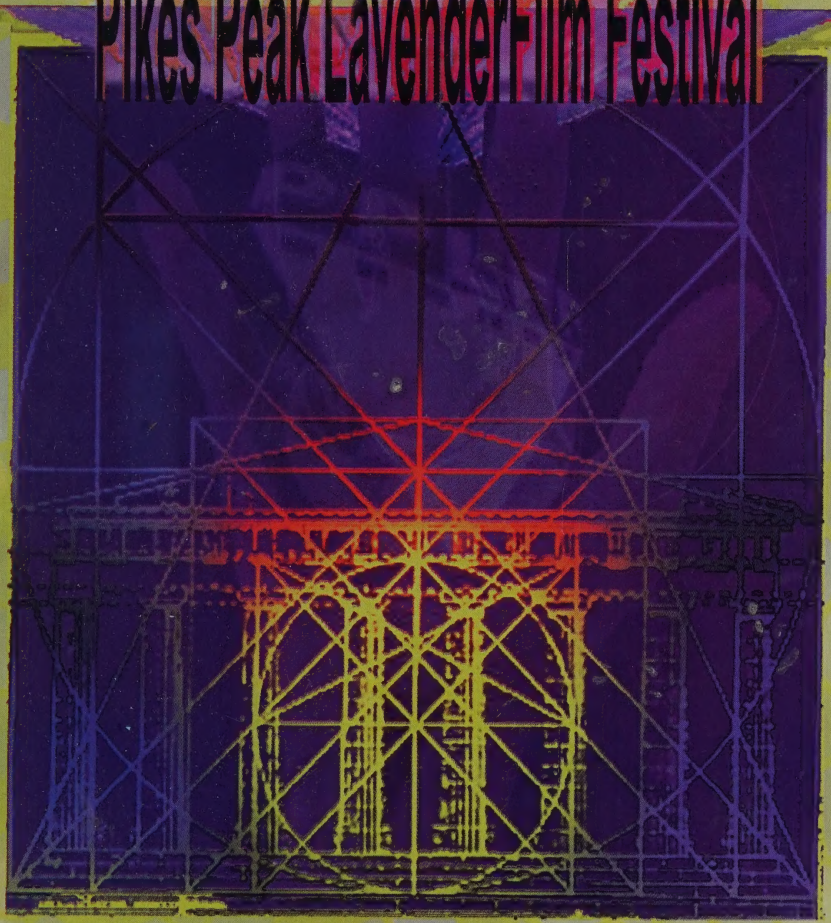

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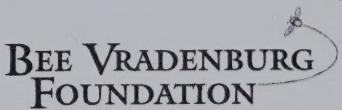

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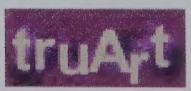

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Two free drinks with your festival pass

5th Annual PPLFF 2004

Welcome

We are astounded that our community has managed to keep the Pikes Peak Lavender Film Festival alive for five years. At times it has been extremely challenging and also, very gratifying. Over the five years of the festival, many changes have taken place in the quest by LGBT people to secure full citizenship. Five years ago, lesbian and gay marriage was barely mentioned anywhere. Today, it is in the center of the stage and a wedge issue in the presidential contest.

Our campaign to attain all our rights as hard-working and tax-paying citizens is not over. The festival brings our community of LGBT people and friends together. We learn from the films about other LGBT people throughout the world while we network with our friends in our community. The festival producers for all five years, all of whom are listed in the program, greatly appreciate your participation in this festival. We respond to your comments in the evaluation forms so, let us know how you feel about the festival.

When we first began the festival we saw it as way to educate ourselves and validate the experiences of LGBT people. Each year the festival has grown to become a community event we all anticipate in September. The negative image of Colorado Springs is assuaged by the presence of this film festival and the awareness of the city as whole that there are more voices here than those who would silence us. We are here; we are proud and we intend to stay for many years to come

Thank you for your support. Enjoy the festival!

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It took many people and much support for this LGBT film festival to survive in Colorado Springs. The people who helped produce this festival each made a unique contribution to the festival's success. We thank and honor all the people who helped produce the festival over the last five years. They were:

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▸ Catered Reception by Cravings - Celebrating our 5th Season

6:30pm

▸ *Jessie* Trailer from the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival (1999)
We expected this trailer the first year of PPLFF, and for our fifth anniversary, we now have it. Spoof of Jessie Helms dying and ending up in heaven with prestigious gays and lesbians.

short

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7:30pm

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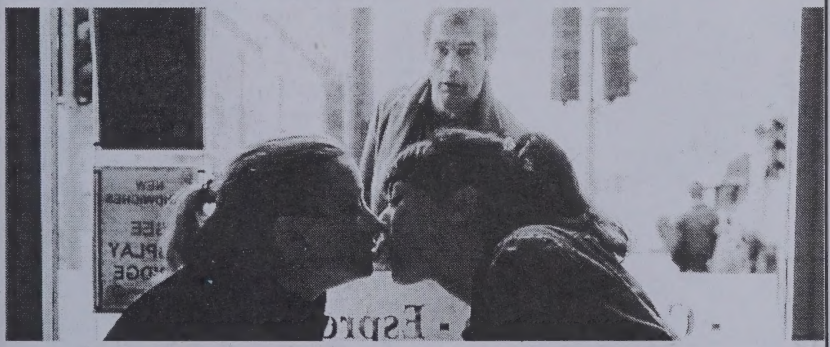
▸ *Circular Loves*
Directed by Cesar Vallejo (2003, Spain, 4 min, video).

Two women, two men--multiple possibilities exist in this intriguing cinematic poem .

short



feature

▸ *Goldfish Memory*
Directed by Liz Gill, (Ireland, 2003, 85 minutes. 35mm).

Quickly paced, quick-witted, and completely engaging, this hilarious romantic comedy, *Goldfish Memory*, takes every kind of love affair-unexpectedly expectant lesbian mothers, gay and straight men, those looking for a fling then ending up in long term relationships, and good--about to be married young women having lesbian affairs. They're all here in this Irish charmer that takes us on a visually sumptuous tour of Dublin. The ensemble cast possesses boundless energy that makes you laugh in every scene. The title comes from the pick-up line used repeatedly by one character-a philandering has been poet-professor. *Goldfish*, he tells women *have a three second memory-span-much like humans when they fall in love. We forget the pain of the last break-up and go around the fishbowl again.* With some suspension of reality of how relationships begin, this is the story of people learning what makes them happy. The film is a series of simple tales that create a tangled web that shows us how complex being happy can be. Best of all, the whole film concludes so neatly that when you leave the theater you will feel for a lot longer than three seconds that all is right with the world.

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▸ *F*STOP*
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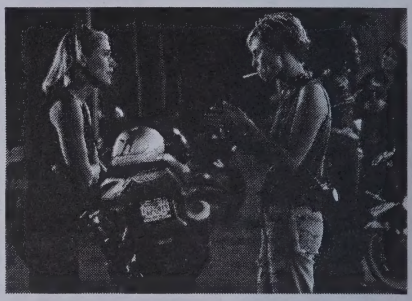
(2004, USA, 10 min, video).



Cyanne could have it all, but she doesn't think she deserves it. She ruins every chance at success her lover offers her by escaping into sex and drugs. The last time Cyanne begins to fail, extraordinary bikers stop her and she learns what courage and art are about.

feature

▸ *Amour de Femme*
Directed by Sylvie Verheyde (2001, France, 89 min, video, French with English subtitles).

Jeanne, lonely and incomplete in the drudgery of her daily routine, feels her youth slipping away. Her husband, son, and work as an osteopath give Jeanne stability, but she longs for deeper expression in her life. She meets Marie, a professional dancer, and enrolls in her class - where passions erupt. Marie, a seductive free spirit, rekindles Jeanne's love for dance, romance, and sex. Marie ignites desires in Jeanne that lead her on an emotional journey of self-discovery. Jeanne's home life is irrevocably disrupted when her husband discovers that his lovely wife is finding fulfillment with another woman. Romance and passionate sex, outside her marriage, is far from the reality that Jeanne has known. Though family and friends ostracize Jeanne, her attraction for Marie remains fierce despite Marie's lack of concern for societal conventions. The throbbing intensity of dance becomes a metaphor for the excitement and delight of intense passion, providing a seductive backdrop in this sexy, stormy love story.

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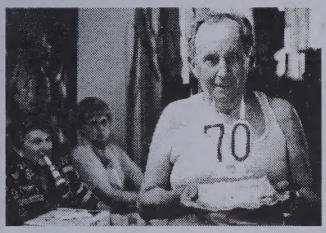

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short

▸ Seventy

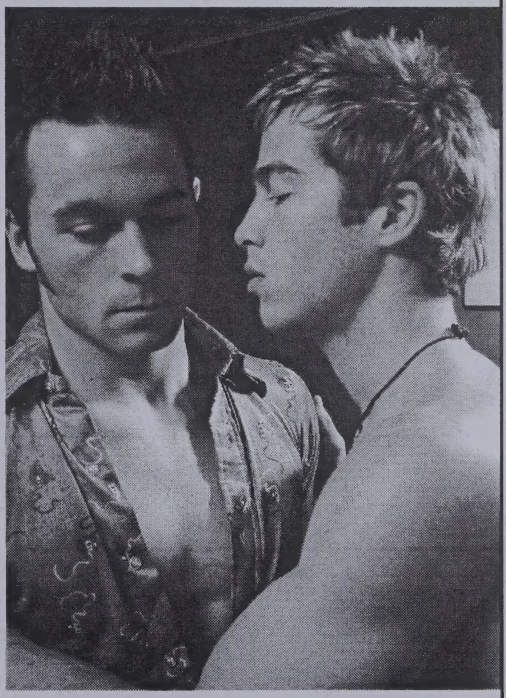
Directed by Q. Allan Brocka, (2003. USA, 8 min, video)

Seventy tells the story of two life long friends who share the same birthday. Arthur is gay; Maxwell is straight. Arthur has been in love with Maxwell for 55 years. Today, on their 70th birthdays, they have the most surprising gift exchange.

feature

▸ *Eating Out*

Directed by Q. Allan Brocka,
2004, USA, 90min, video)



Director Q. Allan Brocka shines with his first feature, an immensely satisfying debut following the ever popular short film series: *Rick and Steve: The Happiest Gay Couple in the World.* Brocka's short films have graced the screen of PPLFF almost every year. He visited us during our third festival as part of our *Promising Young Filmmakers Forum.* Brocka has already fulfilled the promise with a hilarious feature that will keep you laughing with witty lines throughout the film.

Two roommates, Caleb and Kyle-one straight and one gay- are comfortable with their sexual identities but want to find partners. Kyle has a crush on Mark whose roommate is a woman named Gwen, who Caleb wants to be closer to. Gwen seems to be attracted to gay men so Caleb pretends to be gay while Kyle hopes to benefit from Caleb's closeness to Gwen, Mark's roommate. The resultant shuffling of assumed and misplaced sexual identities creates a melee in which ground rules and rules of attraction are up for grabs. Brocka exceeds all expectations in this debut feature with crackling dialogue, hilarious performances and twisted plot twists that will leave you laughing.... and hot and bothered!
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Come join us for a group discussion of PPLFF's first five years. How have we done, what would you like to change, how can we grow and develop a sense of community around the festival?

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short

▸ *Straight In The Face*

Directed by Peter Demas
(2002, Canada,12 min 35mm)

A long-term couple is undergoing a relationship shift and discovers the complexity of a non-monogamous arrangement. Meanwhile, their daughter's boyfriend may be closer in spirit to her fathers' than she cares to know.

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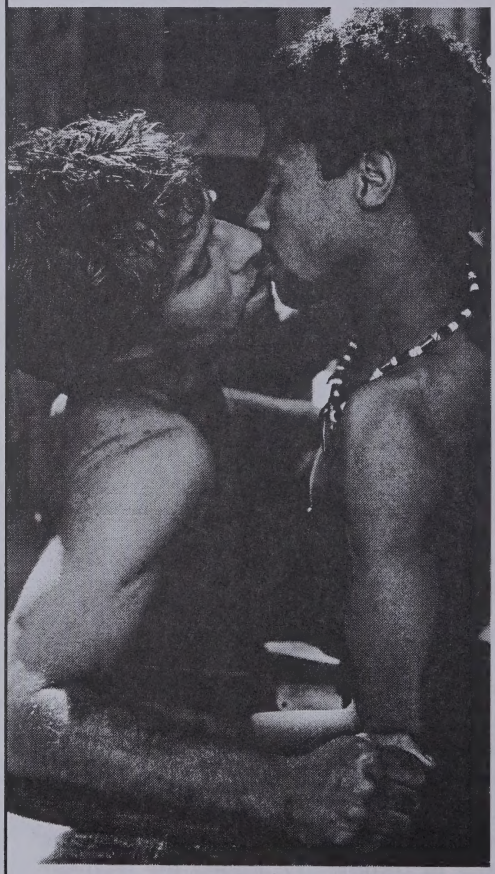

▸ Proteus

Directed by John Greyson
(Canada, The Netherlands, South Africa, 2003, 100 min., 35mm, English and Afrikaans with subtitles)

John Greyson stands out as one of the great gay filmmakers of all time. His earlier flower work, *Lilies* was a hit at PPLFF's first festival. In Greyson's latest film, *Proteus*, he has teamed up with South African filmmaker, Jack Lewis, to create a beautiful historical film, based on true events, which occurred more than 300 years ago. Much like the rugged proteus flower that flourishes in the harsh cliffs of the prison island, furtive love between two prisoners as different as night and day, develops into a passionate relationship. Claas Blank, a native man, who's unjustly incarcerated for stealing cattle belonging to his people and Rijkhaart Jocobsz, a withdrawn Dutch sailor convicted of homosexuality, have a passionate affair while secretly dreaming of a life together outside of prison. A botanist, himself convicted of homosexuality in Amsterdam, flees to the prison island to study the flora, and observes Claas and Rijkhaart making love. Soon the authorities discover their affair..... Frequent time-lapse close ups of blooming proteuses underscores the sharp contrast between the beauty of love and the horrors of intolerance. This complex and beautiful telling of their story resonates across the centuries and nobly graces its director's legacy.

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Club Q
3430 North Academy Boulevard

7:30pm

▸ Little Black Boot

Directed by Colette Burson, (2003, USA, 16 min, video)

An awkward high school girl goes to the prom alone dressed as a boy...and finds love.

short

▸ Mango Kiss

Directed by Sascha Rice,
(US, 2003, 80min, video).

feature

A fresh, fun and sexy look at modern relationships, *Mango Kiss* follows Lou and Sassafras, two lesbian friends, who move to San Francisco and decide to explore the sexual opportunities the city offers them. They meet neighbors who adhere to strict roles, who have been together so long they are indistinguishable from each other and the reigning neighborhood dominatrix. Amid all this, Lou and Sassafras go suddenly from good friends to hot lovers, but not before agreeing to have an "open relationship." It is a bumpy ride that puts their agreement to the test. *Mango Kiss* began as a highly successful stage play by Sarah Brown, which received rave reviews when it ran at San Francisco's famous Theater Rhinoceros. The film features an assortment of colorful characters, camp sensibility and a series of flirtations that brings us to the world of coupling and re-coupling that Lou and Sass enter. The playful two-dimensional characters portrayed in the film serves as a camouflage to the emotional desires that travel beneath the surface.

After Party - Club Q, 3430 North Academy Boulevard
Discount drinks and snacks by Tim and Sal

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In Honor of Margi Duncombe and Zoa McGuire

12:00 noon

short

▸ *You Fake*
Directed by Maureen Bradley
(2003, Canada, 7 min., video)

In this hilarious short, two women bet on how many lesbians fake orgasms. The outcome might surprise you.

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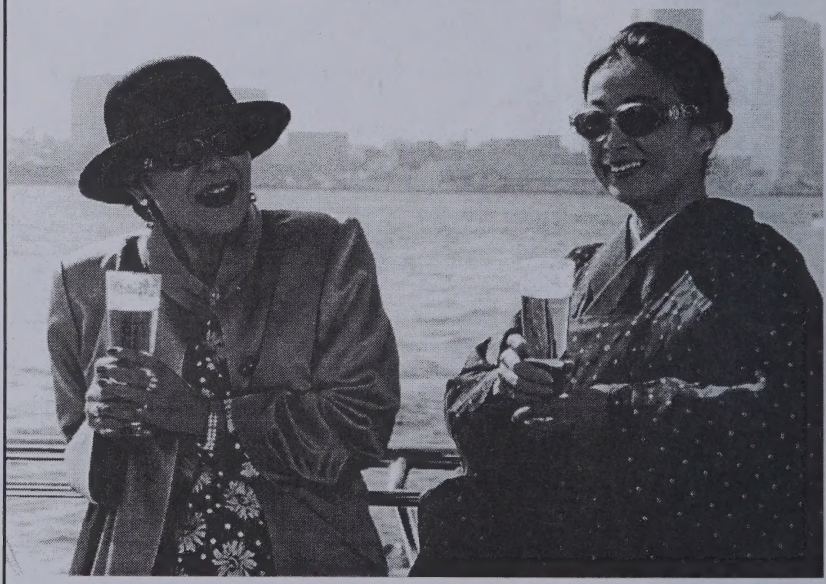

▸ *Lily Festival (Yurisai)*
Directed by Sachi Hamano (2001, Japan, 100 min., 35mm, Japanese with English subtitles)

Lily Festival is what happens when a filmmaker who specializes in soft-core Japanese erotic films dramatizes the sexual lives of post-menopausal women. Lily Festival is different than the director's previous work of over 300 adult-themed movies. Lily Festival is a lush celebration of sex and romance after sixty, poetic and lyrical in its storytelling, yet explosive and radical in its politics.
A beret-wearing Casanova, Mr. Miyoshi, still a player at 75 years old, moves into an apartment building where seven golden girls have been living in senior citizen sisterhood. He romances each one and soon the blooming lily becomes the metaphor for orgasm as the apartment building becomes full of lusty women breaking out of their repressed desires. A sake-laden dinner party brings the women closer than they ever imagined. Ultimately, they realize the best sex after sixty is with each other.

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▸ *Annie Dearest - The Real Miracle Worker*

Directed by Terry Galloway, Donna Nudd & Diane Wilkins
(2002, USA, 5 min, video)

A funny parody of the disability classic, satirizing the often-brutal teaching relationship between Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan.

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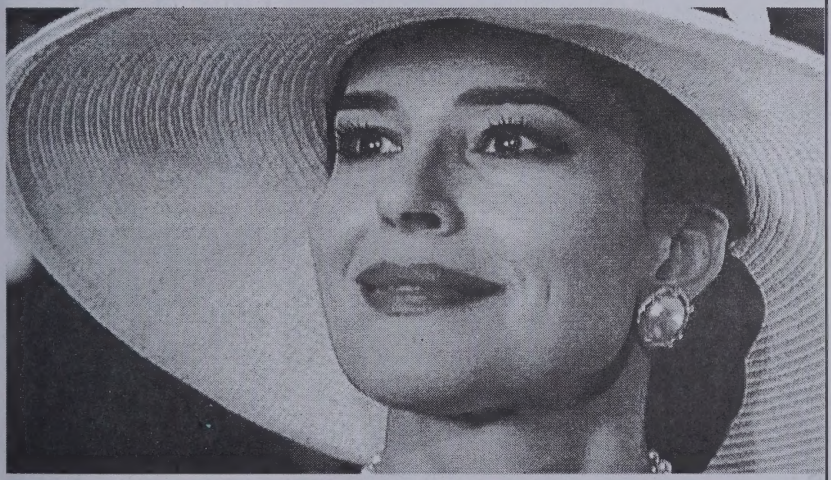

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▸ *Callas Forever*

Directed by Franco Zeffirelli, (2002, Italy/France/Spain/ UK/Romania, 108 min., 35 mm, in English)

To relive the career of the world's most legendary opera diva sounds like an opera-lovers dream come true. This compelling fictional version of the diva's swan song and her special relationship with her former manager Larry Kelly (Jeremy Irons) is indeed a worthy tribute to one of world's greatest opera stars. When Kelly takes a break from managing rock bands to visit Callas at her palatial Paris apartment, he is shocked to discover a broken woman who has lost her singing voice. Determined to restore her legacy, he convinces her to take-on an important project: a film of the opera Carmen, in which she will lip-sync her own glorious recording. Thus begins a reawakening of their relationship, mixing creativity, genius, ambition and talent in an incendiary cocktail. The stars are ably supported by feisty Joan Plowright as their mutual friend and newcomer Jay Rodan as Kelly's handsome boyfriend. Zeffirelli (Romeo and Juliet), Callas's friend and colleague, renders perfect direction to this superbly indulgent fantasy with florid operatic treatment.

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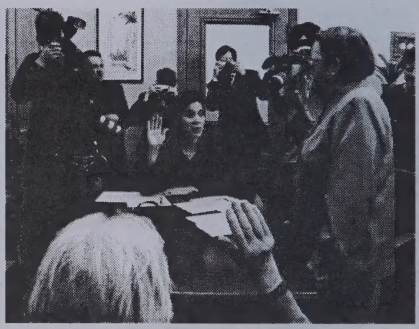
5:00pm

short

▸ *One Wedding and A Revolution*

Directed by Debra Chasnoff
(2004, USA, 19 min., video)

San Francisco City Hall never looked this good! Whether you read about gay marriage, or waited in line for one, this short film captures many charged moments of this political hotbed while it celebrates the 55 year relationship of Del Martin and Phyllis Lyons.



feature

▸ *Tying the Knot*

Directed by Jim de Seve,
(2004, USA, 80 min, 35mm)

This timely documentary film uses archival footage, news clips, and heartfelt interviews to make a compelling case for gay marriage. *Tying the Knot* challenges the notion of traditional marriage, arguing for lesbian and gay inclusion in this basic civil right, examining the institution of marriage today, and how it has changed through history. True accounts powerfully illustrate that without marriage, same-sex partners are denied both societal recognition and over 1000 legal rights and protections afforded legally married couples. A home video of a Florida police officer's commitment ceremony is juxtaposed with the indignity of marriage discrimination when one is killed on the job and the other is denied her life partner's pension. An Oklahoma rancher is booted off the property that he built with his now deceased life partner. A New York City police officer and a Pentagon worker endure discrimination after the loss of their life partners in the wake of 9/11. The consequences of marriage discrimination are undeniable. This is a film that will bring you up to date on marriage for gays and lesbians debate.

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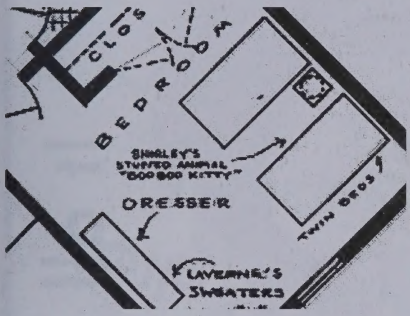

▸ *TV Dream Homes: The Drawings of Mark Bennett*

Directed by Pamela Ezell, (2001,USA, 15 min, video)

Just what is behind the walls of house? One man who knows is Mark Bennett, who turned a hobby of drawing blueprints of fictional TV Dream Homes into high art.

7:00pm

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▸ *Straight Jacket*

Directed by Richard Day, (2004, USA, 96min, 35mm)

Come join us for this fitting closing film to PPLFF's first five years-a hilarious retrospective look at Hollywood during the McCarthy era of the 1950's.-a loose parody of Rock Hudson's life.
Hunky movie star Guy Stone (Matt Letscher) enjoys the company of men but his movie studio fears the public will find out. The studio arranges a sham marriage to would be actress Sally (Carrie Preston). Sally is happy with her Hollywood dream marriage even if Guy is absent from the conjugal bed.

feature

Guy's bitter rival, Freddie (Jack Plotnick) threatens to out him. Meanwhile, Guy meets dreamy Rick(Adam Greer), a leftist screenwriter and Guy ponders whether being progressive would help him be closer to Rick. Caught in a compromising position with Rick, Guy is offered the conflicted dilemma of saving his career by exposing other gays and losing his new boy friend. Writer/director, Richard Day, shines with his crackling comedic dialogue and superb cast. Straight Jacket will have you in stitches.

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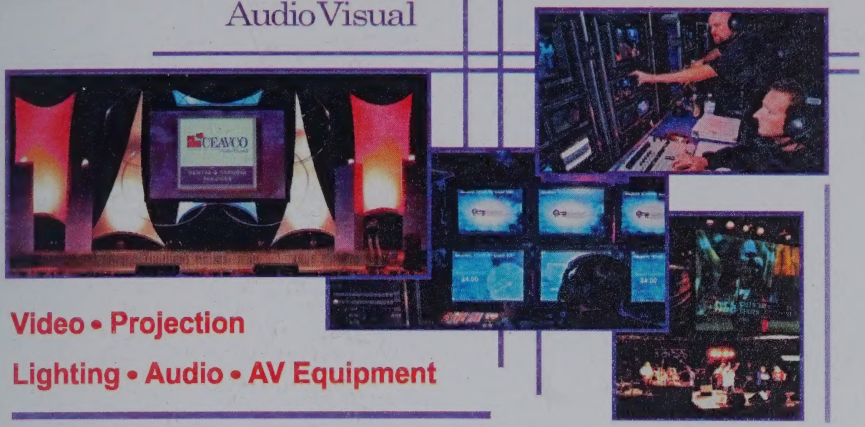

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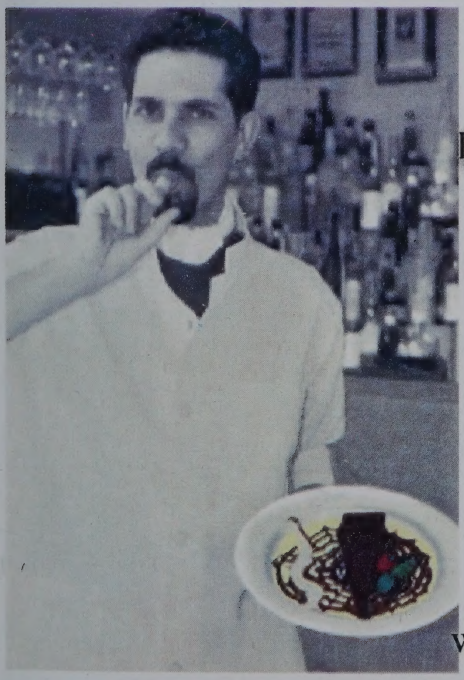

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